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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Renewal of External Contract, "U.S.D.A.
Literature Exploitation Project"

1. Brief History

The subject contract, initiated in 1950, systematically exploits the scientific literature of the Soviet Union, including limited coverage of the European satellites and Communist China, for information relevant to fundamental areas of biological research, agricultural sciences, and veterinary medicine. The present project is divided into two sections, the Microbiology-Veterinary Section, sponsored by ECE/ABCD, and the Basic Biology-Agricultural Sciences Section, sponsored by BSB/LSD. The flexibility of this project allows emphasis to be shifted to any area which deserves special attention. As originally envisioned, this continuing project meets its objectives satisfactorily, and has proved of considerable value. by systematically collating the raw scientific information essential to the intelligence needs of the sponsoring Divisions.

2. Benefits Obtained

a. The Basic Biology--Agricultural Sciences Section contributes substantially to all branch intelligence research (NIE and SIC contributions, SIR's and current items), translates Soviet and Bloc articles of both long-term and current scientific interest to BSB/LSD analysts, and provides continuous support to all areas of branch responsibility. During the past two years, five published SIR's and four SIR's in progress have drawn heavily on the resources provided by this project.

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b. The Microbiology-Veterinary Section supports BCB/ABCD analysts in SIR's currently in progress, branch tasks on NIE, NIS and SIC studies, all external projects supervised by the BW section, and several research projects of BCB/ABCD.

c. The resources of this project also are utilized, when appropriate, by other government agencies, external contractors, and consultants, and for use in briefing of scientists travelling to the USSR, Bloc countries and international conferences.

3. Anticipated Continuing Benefits

The benefits cited above are expected to continue in the coming year. This project's contribution to intelligence needs of the sponsoring Divisions is enhanced by present and planned modifications to (1) place greater emphasis upon the coverage of Soviet mathematical, physical, and chemical techniques in molecular and physicochemical biology research, and (2) initiate vital information resources for assessing Communist research on and application of coming advances which will integrate the fundamental knowledge of molecular and cellular phenomena with that of the organism and, later, with the population or society. Preparation for this information will facilitate the detection and assessment of such Communist efforts and will make the maximum contribution to scientific intelligence.

4. Budget Data

The cost of the renewed contract for the next fiscal year will be [REDACTED] as proposed by C. W. Mehring, U.S.D.A. Funds in this amount are available in the FY 1965 Operating Budget for the Office of Scientific Intelligence. This project is included in the FY 1965 External Analysis Program for the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

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5. Security

The Agency association with the project is UNCLASSIFIED and the work to be performed is UNCLASSIFIED. A check of Security Office indices will be conducted on the personnel to be utilized on the project.

6. Action Recommended

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It is recommended that the expenditure of [REDACTED] from vouchered funds be authorized for this project and renewal of the contract.

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Acting Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence

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APPROVED:

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Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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